

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKASHI TOMIYAMA ET AL.) : Examiner: P. Butler
Application No.: 10/787,303) : Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: February 27, 2004) : Confirmation No. 4362
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)
A CLEANING BLADE : May 3, 2011

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

interview record ok
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This Statement is filed to summarize a telephonic interview conducted between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on April 20, 2011. During the interview, Applicants' undersigned attorney and the Examiner discussed the amended claims and the art cited in the December 7, 2010 Office Action.

Specifically, Applicants' attorney reiterated that U.S. Patent No. 4,825,249 (Oki) is not understood either to explicitly or inherently disclose impregnation of an isocyanate compound into the urethane blade. Oki, for example, specifically states that it is the groups that are on the surface that react (col. 2, lines 31-41), rather than the groups inside the urethane rubber. Also, application by dipping does not necessarily lead to impregnation. Thus, even though Oki mentions that a solution for forming a coating may be applied by dipping and the isocyanate compound in accordance with the present